

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Monday
April 2, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland

Members Present

Gregory Chinn
John Van Walleghe
Tony Rangel
Veronica Casados
Wendell Turner
Bickley Foster
Doratheia Sloan
Sharon Fearey

Members Absent

Bob Schreck
Clarence Wiley
Linda Matney

Guests

listed at end

Council Member Cole called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m. Welcoming guests and asked DAB members to introduce him or herself and identify the area or association represented.

After introductions were complete, **Council Member Cole** asked for approval of the March 5 and 21, 2001 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted. **(Sloan/Turner 8-0)**

Council Member Cole then asked to approve modifies or amends to the agenda presented. The approval of tonight's agenda is to include following amendments: Move items 4 to 2 because the presenters for Item 4 needed to attend another DAB meeting. The agenda was approved with amendment. **(Foster/VanWalleghe 8-0)**

PUBLIC AGENDA

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. All items will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

Margalee Wright, presented *Character Education: The Other side of the Report Card*

Character education is needed to complement the efforts of parents, families, religious and civic organizations and businesses in developing qualities to ensure the continuity of a free and democratic society. A Feedback form was presented to the DAB to recommend suggested traits. The results of this form will then be taken to a community consensus that will be presented on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 and then presented to the Board of Education on May 14, 2001. This is a program that is being looked at throughout the United States schools.

PLANNING

- 1) CON2001-00020 Conditional Use to allow used car sales. Location, Southeast corner of Zoo Boulevard and West Street, Lot 8, Block 4, Golden Garden Addition

Neither agent nor applicant representing this case were present.

Action taken: **Recommendation:** DAB VI moved to recommend to the MAPC that case CON2001-0020 **not be** approved based on the staff report and additional findings. On item #4 the staff report should be revised to point out the substantial visibility of the proposed car sales lot at that particular intersection. Add to item #6, it will reduce vision and increase distraction for drivers at a busy intersection due to the intensity of the proposed use of the corner site. (Foster/Chinn 8-0)

BOARD AGENDA

- 2) **Proposed 66-inch Raw Water Line construction near 17th street**

Neil Cable was present to discuss the five options that were under review for the proposed 66-inch raw water line. The study was performed to supply the City of Wichita with water until the year 2050. The option that was selected is a composite of several options that will a) minimize cost in developing; b) use existing utilities and c) be a reliable water line from the Eqqus Beds and Cheney Lake. (*See attached map of water main*)

Questions from DAB and/or audience: (*Responses in Italics*)

- ✓ Will there be disruption to water service in the area? *No*
- ✓ Is there already a proposed budget? *\$18 million*
- ✓ When is the project scheduled to begin? *Early summer*
- ✓ Was this scheduled on the CIP? *Yes*
- ✓ What sort of advanced notice was given? *Public Works was to give notice.*
- ✓ How will the water line cross the river? *The line will be elevated across the ditch and river.*
- ✓ How will emergency vehicles be allowed to get to the area if needed? *Provisions will be made for this.*
- ✓ How long will residents have inaccessible driveways? *Maybe 1-2 weeks, depends on weather conditions.*

Council Member Cole stated that this was pressed to staff to be here and possibly not enough time given to notify neighbors. If the DAB wants a more formal focus on this issue the motion should speak to this.

Mr. Cable commented that the line that was used is no longer in service and the Water Department is pushing to get better service to the residents.

Many residents commented all that was needed was some courtesy from the City in knowing what was going to happen in their area. Notification to all residents should take place and a meeting from the City telling us what is going to happen. That's all we want.

Action taken: DAB VI recommends: a) a meeting be held with all the area residents who would be effected by this project at either a DAB or Neighborhood Association meeting; b) give proper notification of the meeting; c) information about the Raw Water line; and d) listen to concerns of the residents. (**Casados/Sloan 8-0**)

3) **Arkansas River Water Quality Study and Gilbert-Mosley project for Groundwater Treatment System**

Jack Brown, Environmental Health Director will be present to discuss these projects and answer questions.

Action taken: DEFER TO FUTURE DAB MEETING

4) **Parks- Riverside and Botanica Expansion**

Consultants were present to discuss the plans for Riverside Park. With a \$5million dollar budget, a prioritized list will need to be made within the next four years to start the development of the proposed project. Also, being looked at is a connection (bike path) from Minisa and Oak Park through to North Riverside Park to Central Riverside for visitors to enjoy everything these parks will have to offer.

Citizen Ray Gregory commented that the park areas are known for bird watching and with a bike path the possibility of bird watching may decrease.

Kathy Dittmer, Riverside Citizens Association, stated that family oriented activities; car shows; and concerts have been utilizing the park. Riverside Citizens Association has been working with the consultants and are pleased with the proposed plan.

Botanica Expansion was not discussed.

Action taken: DAB VI commends Riverside Citizens Association, Park Use Task Force and the Wichita Park Board for the project design and would like to keep informed and updated of any future developments. (**Fearey/Sloan 8-0**)

5) **Rehabilitation Codes from the Office of Central Inspection (OCI)**

Kurt Schroeder, Director of OCI, presented the overview of proposed building codes (green sheet attachment 1) and stated that with these codes it might entice people back to older buildings or homes. The next step was to present to the DAB's and then to a City Council workshop in April and then bring before the City Council sometime in May.

Member Foster stated that District VI has the oldest structures of the City. With these codes will it allow for more safe and sanitary structures and have landlords been told of these changes? *Mr. Schroeder responded that Minimum Housing Codes were being updated and the codes were presented to landlords.*

Council Member Cole commented that Historic Midtown Citizens Association remodeled four homes and these codes are critical for revitalization to the inner city. Cole also thanked Mr. Schroeder for his willingness to work endlessly on the Eaton Place renovation.

Member Rangel asked if when these codes are adopted would any projects be grandfathered in? *Mr. Schroeder stated that they would be best benefited.*

Also, would public buildings be included? *Yes, throughout Kansas, both State and Federal.*

Action taken: DAB VI recommends approval by the City Council of this rehabilitation codes upon final review. **(Rangel/Fearey 8-0)**

6) **Problem Properties**

- ❖ Member Van Walleghe submitted a list of problem properties.
- ❖ Topeka/SW corner of 14th street-high chain link fence has accumulated trash
- ❖ 1254 /1258 N Emporia-two houses at SE corner between houses has trash bags

Action taken: Receive and follow up with appropriate departments.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Member Cole handed out (attachment 2) a permit application to KDHE to construct and operate a C&D landfill at 3500 N. West Street, Wichita, Kansas.
- North Midtown Plan: Was not approved by the MAPC stating that the committee delegated for the task was hand-picked and yes people by Cole. There was no compromise and any future plans for improvement along 21st street will not be scheduled till year 2006.
- Approval of Adult Soccer Field at 33rd and Ohio streets.

Member Foster asked if two items could be considered when presentations were to be made at the DAB.

1. Presenter to be scheduled at 6:30 before DAB meeting, members can review any plans and study before presentation.
 2. Notice of Public Hearing does not state there will be time allowed for public input.
- Staff will discuss with MAPD.*

Council Member Cole thanked each DAB Member for all their time and talent that they brought to the group. This has been very successful.

Member Sloan thanked Council Member Cole for the last eight years.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal,
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

Guests:

Carl Smock	2815 River Park, 67203
Lee Engler	105 N. Washington, 67202
Steve Murillo	1818 W. 11 th , 67203
Dan Wilson	105 N. Washington, 67202
Berle and Maurine Willis	3834 Woodrow, 67204
Leonard and Margorie Diebesoc	1722 N. Charles, 67203
Bill Reaser	1833 Lisa Lane, 67203
Tim Devine	2543 Bullinger, 67204
Cindy & Thad Goodrich	2125 Hyacinth, 67203
Rosalie Bradley	1401 Julianne, 67203
Alma A Neese	1416 Park Place
R. Neil Moser	1731 N. St. Clair, 67203
Alice Vess	1401 W. 27 th St. N
Robert Sharp	1407 W. 27 th St. N
Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield, 67203
Ruby Turner	2623 Firview, 67204
Keith and Verena Wilson	2709 River Park Dr., 67203
Jeanette Shepler	2450 Wilson, 67204
Peter S. Bartel	3912 W. 11 th
James H. Wilson II	2322 W. 17 th N.
Irvin Willits	2126 Manhattan
Ted and Magda Hoetmer	1733 N. Market, 67214
Theron Black	2222 W. 17 th , 67203
Bill Longnecker	Planning Staff
Harry and Sharon Gregory	1138 Amidon
Lois and Larry Luckett	2240 W. 17 th N.
Bonnie and Merle Hollis	2307 N. McLean Blvd.
Jerry Pickard	1607 N. Clarence
Keith and Beverly Koontz	2224 Woodland
Neil Cable	Water Dept. Staff
Charlene VanWalleghen	2524 Hyacinth,
Doris Trow	2462 Willson, 67214
Ann Davis	2232 W. 17 th
Pete Janzen	3137 Mascot, 67204
Dean and Rita Presnall	2211 Bella Vista
Jim and Wanda Irby	2302 W. 17 th
Jamesba Davis	2232 W. 17 th
Larry Hoetmer	Park Staff
Lola Howard	2534 Mascot
Dave McClintock	320 W. 21 st
Phil Meyer	315 Ellis
Eldon and Darlene Klassen	2152 W. 17 th 67203-1502
Eleanor Hargadine	2162 W. 17 th 67203-1502